

**SECTION:** CERTIFICATION

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility Requirement

**ITEM:** *Indicator of Nutritional Need: Overview*



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<b>Policy</b>	Local agencies shall determine that a participant is eligible for program benefits if the participant exhibits one or more indicators of nutritional need.
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<b>Authority for policy</b>	7 CFR 246.7 (i) (6)
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<b>Category-specific indicators of nutrition need</b>	Category-specific indicators of need are identified within the Triage Matrix System and may be used only for the category indicated. For a detailed listing of category specific indicators of nutrition need see sections 210-50 and 210-60 of the WPM.
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<b>Local agency use of non specific nutrition codes as indicators of nutrition need</b>	<p>The local agency shall document in ISIS under “Individual Comments” the indicators of nutrition need and the specific condition that warrants the use of non specific nutrition codes when used to certify an individual. Non specific nutrition codes are those in which the definition is broad or generic and may give a non inclusive set of examples. The following list provides examples of non specific codes that require justification. This is not an all inclusive list:</p>
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For Women

- B90 (other congenital blood disorders)
- C80 (severe acute infections)
- C105 (other medical diseases and conditions)
- C106 (genetic and congenital disorders)

For Infants and Children

- B90 (other congenital blood disorders)
  - C77 (other genetic and congenital disorders)
  - C123 (other medical diseases or conditions)
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**Documentation of nutrition codes**

Local agency staff shall document the specific problem when a nutrition code includes the statement “severe enough to affect nutritional status.” Furthermore, staff are encouraged to document the use of nutrition codes whenever possible in ISIS under “Individual Comments” to justify their use and provide clarification for future contacts.

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**Identification of nutrition needs**

The local agency shall identify all indicators of nutrition need and document them in ISIS on the summary screen with appropriate comments as needed in the individual comments.

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